

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 13, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FELCH made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth McDougall, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:*

The petitioner sets forth in her memorial, that she is the only surviving child of Captain Samuel Caustin, who, she avers, was an officer in the Delaware row gallies, and ranked as captain during the revolutionary war; that her father was a long time in the service of the United States, and served his country faithfully; that her father and her mother are both dead, and that neither of them ever received any pension or other emolument from the government.

No sufficient evidence is adduced to the committee to prove the services and rank of Samuel Caustin as is alleged in the petition, and the annexed communication from the Commissioner of Pensions shows that his name is not found on the list of officers engaged in that service. The perfect condition of the record, furnishing the name of each galley and of each officer, is considered conclusive against claimants whose names are not found upon it.

The committee recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

PENSION OFFICE, April 6, 1848.

SIR: I have the honor to return, herewith, the petition of Elizabeth McDougall, claiming, as the only child of Hannah Caustin, deceased, who was the widow of Samuel Caustin, arrears of pension alleged to have been due her mother at her death, and to enclose a copy of my report addressed to W. H. Ketchum, Esq., dated April 20, 1847, which will furnish the Committee on Revolu-

tionary Pensions with the decision of this department in Mrs. Caustin's case.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
F. S. EVANS,

*For Commissioner of Pensions.*

Hon. A. FELCH,  
*Senate United States.*

PENSION OFFICE, *April 20, 1847.*

SIR: In reply to yours respecting the case of Hannah Caustin, deceased, I would inform you that the failure to find evidence of her husband's appointment, in the executive offices at Harrisburg, is conclusive against any claim for service as an officer in the row galleys in 1775 and 1776, as it is known that those records (council of safety) furnish the name of each galley and of each officer.

I am, very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS.

W. H. KETCHUM, Esq., *Philadelphia.*